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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE: GOP REQUEST FOR TRANS-
- - - PORTATION

REFERENCES: (A) GUATEMALA 1214; (B) PANAMA 1147

1. IN ADDITION TO POSSIBLE BENEFITS TO GUATEMALAN EARTH-
QUAKE VICTIMS FROM RECEIVING PANAMANIAN RELIEF SUPPLIES,
DEPARTMENT BELIEVES FACILITATIVE U.S. ROLE IN PROVIDING
TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE A CONSTRUCTIVE STEP AT THIS TIME
IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PANAMA. CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN
DEPARTMENT'S FAVORABLE REACTION IS FACT THAT US AIRLIFT
ORIGINATES IN CANAL ZONE AND THEREFORE NO SEPARATE FLIGHTS
TO OTHER DESTINATIONS WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PICK UP GOODS
FOR SHIPMENT, WHEREAS SUCH ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS WOULD BE NEC-
CESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE REQUESTS FROM OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES.

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IN ADDITION, DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS FROM DOD THAT SOME

FLIGHTS FROM ZONE WILL NOT BE FULLY LOADED DURING COMING
PHASE OF GUATEMALAN RELIEF OPERATION.

2. DESPITE REASONABLENESS OF ABOVE, DOD EVIDENTLY
REQUIRES "INDUSTRIAL FUNDING REGULATION" CERTIFICATION
THAT COMMERCIAL AIRLIFT IS NOT AVAILABLE AND THAT
SPONSORING AGENCY WILL REIMBURSE SHIPPING CHARGES AT AN
ESTABLISHED RATE. REGULATION EVIDENTLY DOES NOT ALLOW
FOR SPACE AVAILABLE SHIPMENT AT NO CHARGE, EVEN THOUGH
PHYSICAL SPACE IS AVAILABLE. IN VIEW OF THIS, REQUEST
THAT EMBASSY CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH CINCSOUTH
AND, IF NECESSARY, EXPLORE WITH CINCSOUTH AND PANAMANIAN
BEST ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF SHIPPING SUPPLIES TO GUATEMALA.
IF EMBASSY AND CINCSOUTH CONCLUDE THAT REIMBURSED US
MILITARY SHIPMENT IS THE ONLY VIABLE CHOICE, AND WISH TO
PROCEED ON THAT BASIS, REQUEST REASONABLY COMPLETE
INVENTORY OF PROPOSED PANAMANIAN SHIPMENT SO THAT DEPART-
MENT/AID CAN MAKE AN INFORMED JUDGMENT ABOUT ADVISABILITY
OF ALLOCATING SCARCE RESOURCES FOR THIS PURPOSE. INGERSOLL

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